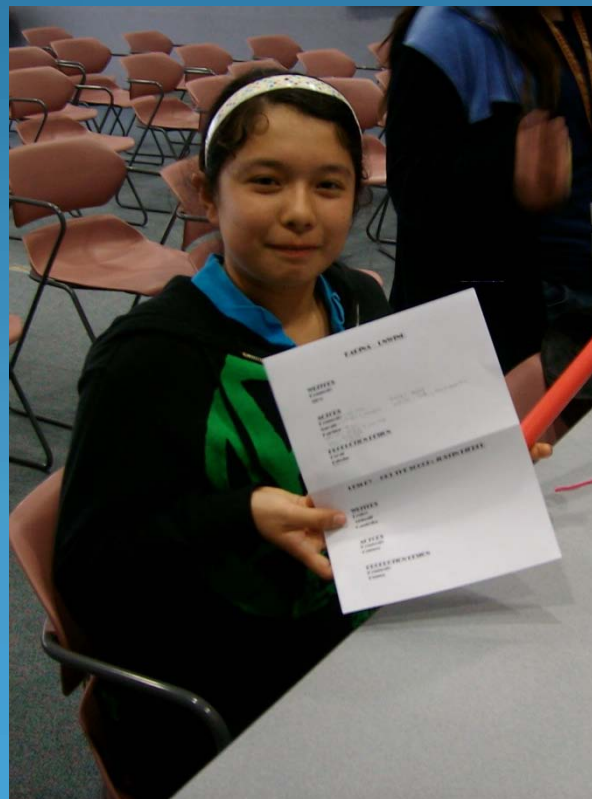


After School Academy

Enrichment Classes in the Library



Origin of the Idea

- ▶ Director's vision
- ▶ Opportunity for all students
- ▶ Free after school enrichment



Possible Classes

- Art
- Music
- Dance
- Academics



Who/How to Recruit

- Instructors
 - School music and drama teachers
 - Create it and they shall come
- Students
 - Schools
 - In the library
- Showcase instructors



First Set of Classes

- Voice/singing
- African dance
- Self-defense



Scheduling

- ▶ After school hours
- ▶ Three or four days each week
- ▶ Schedule two 6-week sessions



Enrollment

- ▶ Sign up two weeks ahead
- ▶ Limit class size
- ▶ Open to all students in grades 4–8



Preview Event

- Summer Reading finale
- Demonstrate content

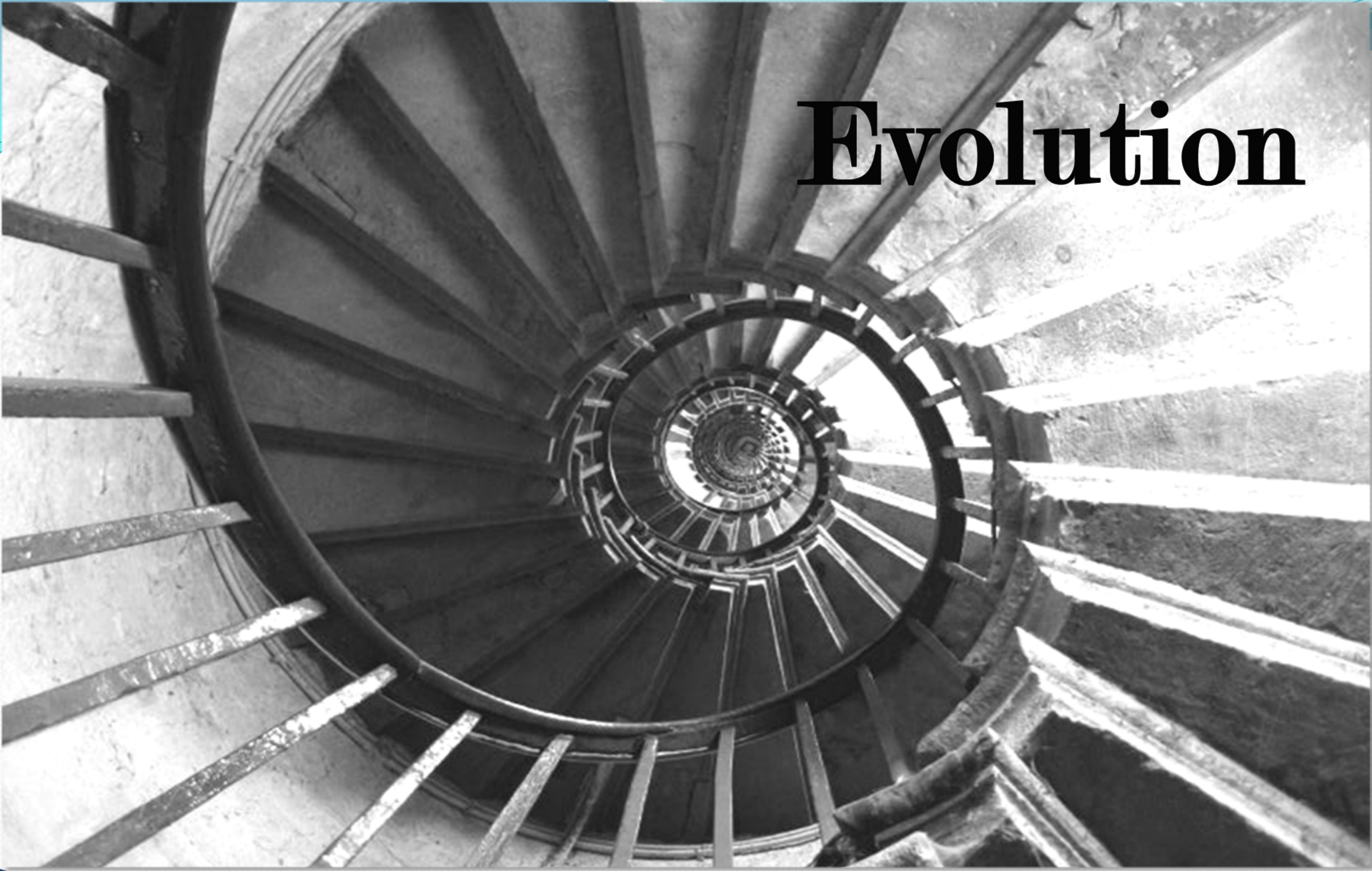


Analysis of First “Semester”

- 2 Instructors cancelled
- 60 kids signed up
- Used a wait list to fill slots
- Librarians mentored each class
- Funded by Friends of the Library
- Kids loved it



Evolution





The Pitch

Funding: The Planning Grant

So, what's new now?

- Project based: Book to Movie trailer class
- met 2x weekly
- 1st hour instruction
- 2nd hour homework help
- Group projects
- Learning journal

Identifying students

- Library regulars
 - After school crowd
 - Teen volunteers
 - Attendees of afterschool programs
 - Gaming, book club, crafts
 - Academy I veterans
- VMMS (Vista Middle Magnet School)
 - Helped identify students

Interest Meeting

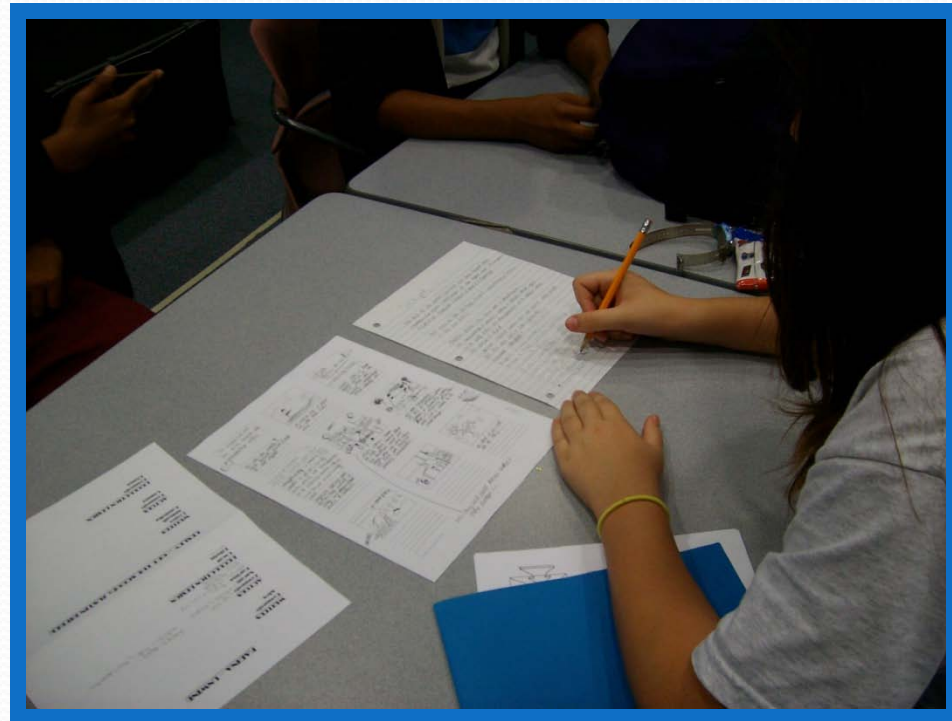
- Meeting
 - Parents
 - Students
 - Instructors
 - Library staff
- Project: Book to Movie Trailer
- Homework Help
- 6 week commitment
- Parents:
 - Flattered
 - “What do you need from us?”

Learning Objectives

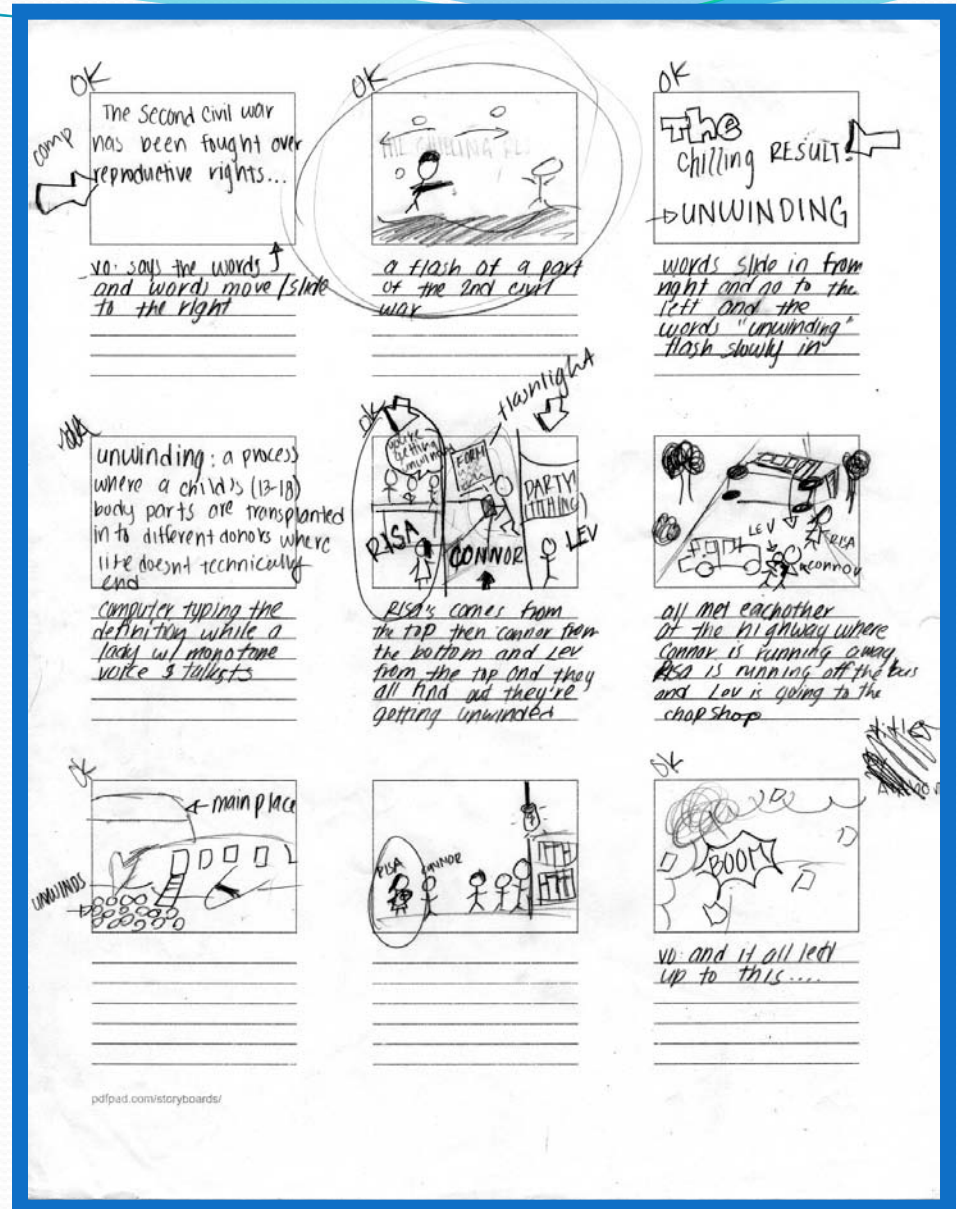
- Public speaking
- Multimedia knowledge
- Critical thinking
- Literary interpretation
- Invoking creativity
- Active listening skills
- Constructive criticism
- Working in a group
- Have fun!

Learning Outcomes

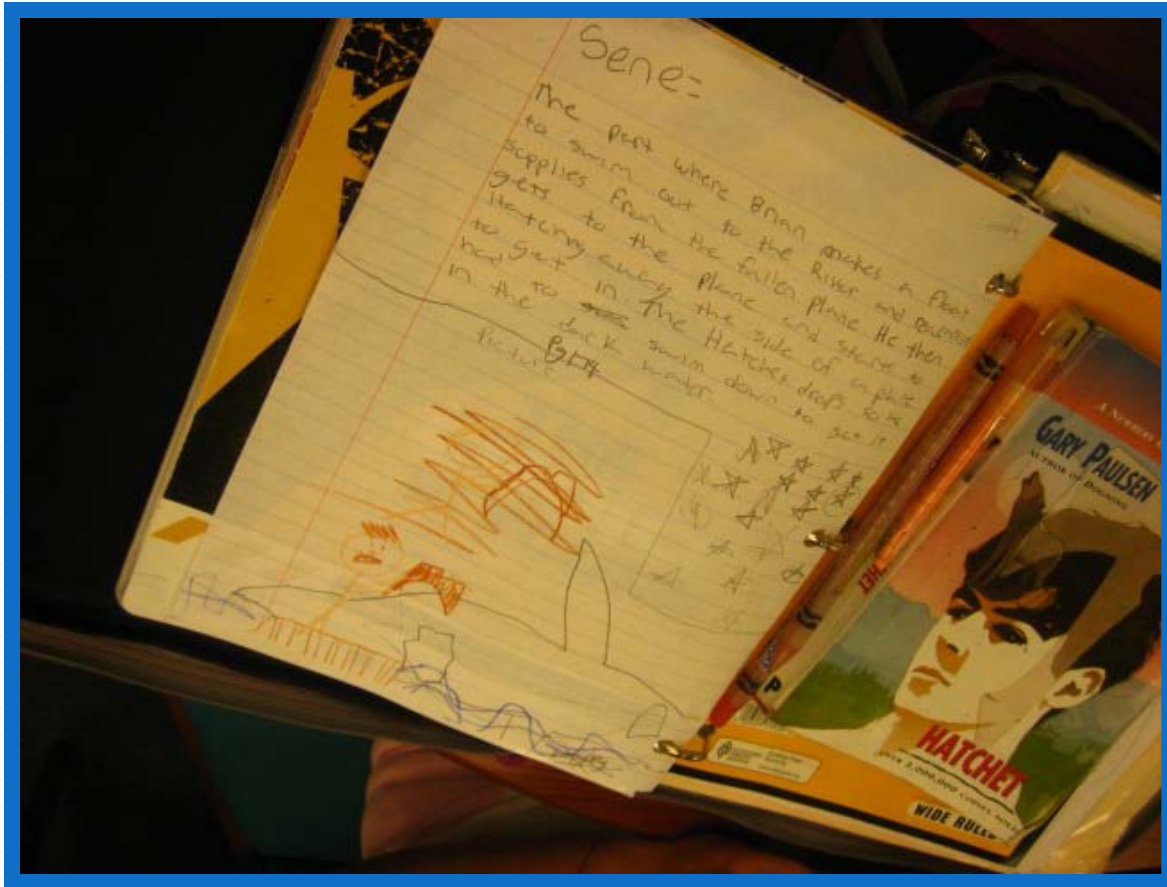
- Scripts
- Outline
- Storyboard
- Elevator pitch
- Learning journals
- Book to movie trailer



Storyboard



Learning Journal



Book Pitches

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Malice by Chris Wooding

Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Unwind by Neal Shusterman

Dragon Ball Z by Akira Toriyama

Outsiders by S. E. Hinton

Pharoah's Daughter by Julius Lester

And the rest...

If You're Reading This, It's Too Late

by Pseudonymous Bosch

The Skin I'm In by Sharon G. Flake

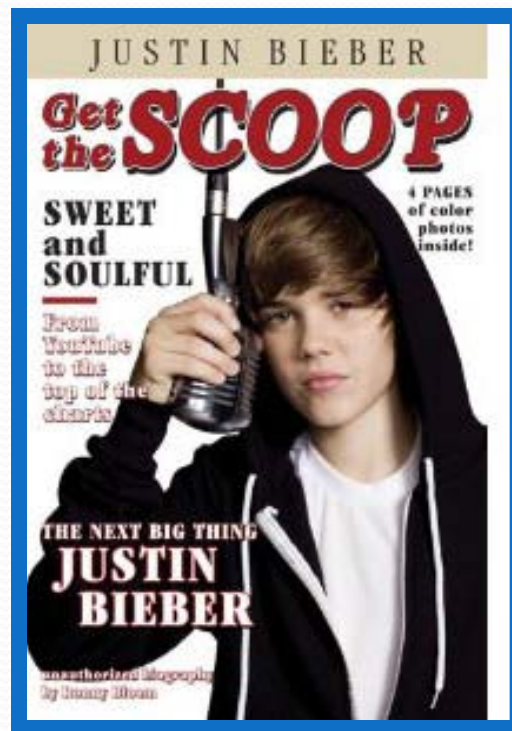
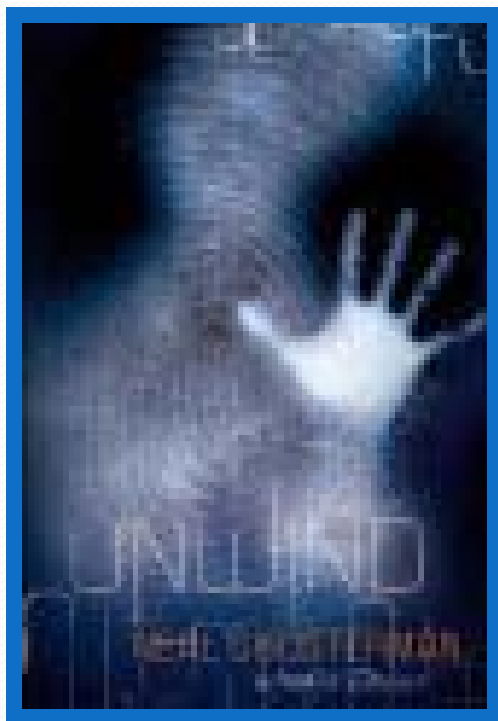
Wolves of the Beyond by Kathryn Lasky

Get the Scoop: Justin Bieber by Ronny Bloom

Votes were counted...

Get the Scoop: Justin Bieber by Ronny Bloom

Unwind by Neal Shusterman



Trailers

- Get the Scoop

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfUKvzvI3ZY&feature=email>

- Unwind

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eiWmfHhsLko&feature=email>

Winning pitch



All hands on deck...

- Talent: actors and narrators
- Writers: scripts
- Pre-Production research
 - Databases for images, online searches
- Production
 - Props, background, set design, green screen
- Post Production
 - editing

Research



Prop Master



2nd hour: Homework Help

- Very long day = 8th hour
- End of school year = standardized tests



Unexpected Benefits of Homework Help

- Homework help for all!
- Foundation for next school year
- Public awareness for new service
- 12-15 kids helped each day
- Provided a service long over due at branch
- Siblings came too!
- Those who stayed had not stayed before
- Library is a safe place.

Grand Premier



Results

- Improvements based on self-assessment surveys:
 - 5 students – Language Arts
 - 4 students – Working in Groups and Mathematics
 - 3 students – Computer Use, Leadership Skills, and Public Speaking
 - 2 students – Library Research Tools, New Technology, and Science
 - 1 student – Social Science

Results

- ▶ Student ratings, on a scale from 1-5:

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Was the program informative / entertaining? | | | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| Did you enjoy the content of the program? | | | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Did the program meet your expectations? | | | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| I was satisfied with the program. | | | | 6 | 4 |

Comments

- “I like that learned a lot about technology.”
- “Now I have something for my portfolio!”
- “What I liked about this is that I learned about the green screen and about computers and technology.”
- “I would have picked another book.”
- “More time.”
- “I would have been in front of the camera instead of behind it.”
- “Deadlines are for real.”

The Future

- Enrichment, but let's not forget about the basics of Homework Help
- Both Enrichment and Homework Help can stand alone
- Laptops/notebooks can be used for both Academy & Homework Help
- Keep bridging the gap

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